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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 9 a.m.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, Sovereign of this beloved land, You are our fortress, and You desire justice to be done. As our Senate jurors remember their accountability to You, use them to cause justice to roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Lord, during this impeachment trial, give our lawmakers the gift of discernment so that they will know truth from falsehood. Inspire them to commit their thoughts and decisions to You.

Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is done in Heaven.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### TRIAL OF DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senators, will you please be seated.

### THE JOURNAL

If there is no objection—I hear none—the Journal of proceedings of the trial are approved to date.

The Sergeant at Arms will make the proclamation.

The Acting Sergeant at Arms, Jennifer A. Hemingway, made the proclamation as follows:

Hear ye! Hear ye! All persons are commanded to keep silence, on pain of imprisonment, while the Senate of the United States is sitting for the trial of the Article of Impeachment against Donald John Trump, former President of the United States.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, no motions were filed this morning. So we will proceed to the House managers' presentation. We anticipate two 10-minute breaks and a 45-minute dinner break around 6 p.m.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 47, the managers for the House of Representatives have 16 hours to make a presentation of their case.

The Senate will now hear you. We recognize Mr. Manager RASKIN to begin the presentation of the case for the House of Representatives.

Mr. RASKIN.

### MANAGERS' PRESENTATION

Mr. Manager RASKIN. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Members of the Senate, good morning, good day.

Some people think this trial is a contest of lawyers or, even worse, a com-

petition between political parties. It is neither. It is a moment of truth for America.

My late father, Marcus Raskin, once wrote:

Democracy [needs] a ground to stand upon. And that ground is the truth.

America needs the truth about ex-President Trump's role in inciting the insurrection on January 6 because it threatened our government, and it disrupted—it easily could have destroyed—the peaceful transfer of power in the United States for the first time in 233 years.

It was suggested yesterday by President Trump's counsel that this is really like a very bad accident or a natural disaster, where lots of people get injured or killed, and society is just out looking for someone to blame. And that is a natural and normal human reaction, according to the President's counsel, but he says it is totally unfair in this case.

President Trump, according to Mr. Castor, is essentially an innocent bystander who got swept up in this catastrophe but did nothing wrong. In this assertion, Mr. Castor unerringly echoes his client, ex-President Trump, who declared after the insurrection that his conduct in the affair was "totally appropriate," and, therefore, we can only assume he could do and would do the exact same thing again because he said his conduct was totally appropriate.

So now the factual inquiry of the trial is squarely posed for us. The jurisdictional constitutional issue is gone. Whether you were persuaded by the

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